

Minutes of the Solid Waste Committee

August 18, 2005

Present: Marlene Barnett, Recycling Coordinator; Guilford Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works; Pat Church, Chair; Clare Bertrand, Marianne Lorenzelli, Meg Vickery.

Minutes from the previous meeting were amended.

First discussed was the issue of membership on the Committee. Meg volunteered to check into new contact who heads the Water Watch environmental organization and is new in town.

Updates:

Pat went to the Board of Health to discuss the Hauler Regulations. The Board of Health recommended new revisions.

Annual Report: Pat volunteered to write a draft which will be circulated before the next meeting and be ready by September 1st when it is due to be submitted to the Select Board.

Survey for In-Town Businesses: Marlene, Marianne and Clare will meet to put together a survey for Town businesses asking about their recycling procedures.

Cell-Phone Recycling: In response to letter from Mira Menon enquiring about cell phone recycling, the committee agreed that cell phone recycling was a good fund raiser for the schools to participate in.

Multi-family recycling: Guilford announced that the DPW will be sending out letters to the haulers who pick up from the multi-family units asking for them to produce proof that they are recycling the mandatory amount. As it currently stands, those haulers, BFI (now Allied Waste), Waste Management and Alternative Waste Solutions, do not bring the recyclables to UMASS or the MRF, so we cannot be sure that recycling is happening. This letter should help catch those who are not recycling.

School Composting: Meg will catch up with Harvey to get Fort River up and going and then try again to contact Mary Cavalier and Mark Jackson. The schools can use medium weight plastic bin liners and Triple T will provide the dumpsters. Marlene will provide signs.

Next meeting is September 8, 2005 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Vickery, clerk pro tem